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Saree Frenzy

Thousands queue up at KSIC showroom in front of city Zoo to buy Mysore Silk Saree which went on discount sale; Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy to inaugurate sale after 3 pm

The serpentine line seen outside the KSIC showroom in front of Mysuru Zoo in city this morning. Picture right shows Police manning the queue.

Mysuru, Sept.11 (MTY&NNN)- Even as Gowri-Ganesha festival is just a day away, the saree frenzy suddenly began this morning as hundreds of women queued up in front of Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) showroom opposite Mysuru Zoo to purchase the highly-discounted silk sarees. This is the only outlet in city where the sale is on and will end this evening.

Every woman cherishes having the famous Mysore Silk saree in her collection. Sericulture Minister S.R. Mahesh had announced that silk sarees which usually costs anywhere between Rs.8,000 and Rs.12,000 would be sold for Rs.4,500 during Varamahalakshmi festival.

However, the model code of conduct came into force for MCC elections and the discounted sale of sarees was postponed. Surprisingly, after the elections, no official announcement of the coveted saree sale was made and this morning, news spread that today was the special day and people started queuing up near the KSIC showroom from 10.30 am onwards.

Since it was a sudden sale, people came to know of the various conditions imposed by the KSIC only as they stood in line.

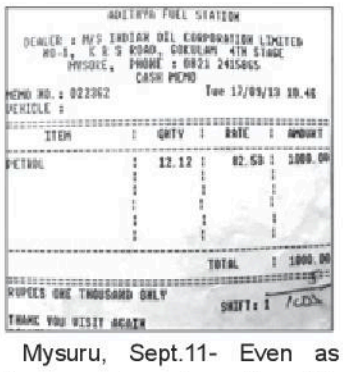
For instance, in Mysuru only 1,500 sarees are on sale and they came in just five colours. Also, only women were allowed to buy and they could purchase only one saree per person, that too after registering with their Aadhaar card. By 12 noon nearly 300 people had registered.

(See SAREE on page 8)

All for a Mysore Silk Saree !

Even as the registration was going on, women with babies in arms and even men were seen standing (on behalf of women) in line to collect their saree. However, their wait was going to be a long one as the KSIC officials were informed that Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy would come to distribute sarees only after 3 pm. Even after this information was passed on to the people standing in line, they refused to budge and said that they would wait as they did not want to miss out on choosing the saree of their choice which they feared would run out.

Petrol price had crossed Rs.80 in 2013 under UPA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Mysuru, Sept.11- Even as Congress staged a nation-wide bandh yesterday in protest against rising prices of petrol, diesel and LPG, it is recalled that the price of petrol had breached Rs.80 mark in 2013 itself, when the Congress-headed UPA Government was in power at the Centre. According to a petrol bill issued by a Fuel Station in Mysuru, the price of petrol was Rs.82.53 a litre on Sept.7, 2013. Today's price stands at Rs.83.26 (petrol) and Rs.75.09 (diesel).

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Mysuru, Tuesday 11th September 2018

Right to beliefs

We are in the age of claiming various rights, many of which are enshrined in the country's Constitution, adopted on January 26, 1950 as the guide to carry on administration by the government according to globally accepted principles of democracy. When the functionaries as well as the land's various section in the population deviate from those principles for good, bad and indifferent reasons, we witness a flurry of reaction from individuals and outfits who are featured in the media and also during (noisy) debates in different elected bodies namely, the Nation's Parliament, State Legislative Assemblies and Councils (only seven among the 29 States across the country). A thorough scanning of the script of the Constitution may have to be done to know clearly whether the right to beliefs, false or valid, is also enshrined. The well-marked *rationalists* often come in the open to express their disfavour of beliefs, most of the time using strong and repulsive language. Mysuru too hosts some of them.

The bone of contention in various circles of discussants about beliefs or superstition is that the habit lacks rationality and also not substantiated by principles of science. The antagonists of superstition, a derogatory term for belief, even don't hesitate to berate the false beliefs as due to *ignorance*. Such comments don't seem to change the attitude of those who firmly believe in their beliefs.

The episode of extensive devastation following rain fury this season also featured a none-too-pleasing diatribe between one section citing the cause of calamity as divine angst and the other section, including a group of scientists at the Bengaluru-based Indian Institute of Science strongly expressing the view that whatever destruction has taken place in many parts of the land, particularly Kodagu district and Kerala State, was due to vagaries of nature. Such clashes of views while hurting the sentiments of believers may only satisfy the ego of non-believers, incidentally earning some column space in the broadsheets and tabloids, including this one.

Non-believers, who exert themselves with no inclination to change their stand on beliefs of various sections of society, believers who take umbrage at their challengers and the rest who are fence-sitters will do well by *not* stepping on the toes of others getting provoked for trivial reasons. Harmony in society shall not be disturbed as there are more rewarding agendas for the nation and its people than squabbling about beliefs and falsifying them.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

***SMELLING A RAT:** Last week, a Supreme Court Bench said, every time narcotics cases came up for hearing, they were told that rats had eaten away drugs seized by the Police. The Apex Court was ruling on issues related to decongestion of Police Stations in Delhi. Last year, Police in Bihar had alleged that rats had consumed thousands of litres of confiscated alcohol. Bihar CM Nitish Kumar had announced the alcohol ban soon after taking office in 2016 and in the first year of ban, State Police had seized more than 9,00,000 litres of alcohol. At this rate, the health of rats might soon become a matter of national concern!*

— In Business Standard.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Skating rink freezes marine creatures in ice

Kitakyushu: Japan's Space World theme park sparked worldwide controversy after it froze nearly 5,000 fish, crabs and other shellfish in the ice of its newest skating rink, aptly-named 'Freezing Port–Ice Museum'.

Space World, a popular theme park in the city of Kitakyushu, south-west Japan, opened its newest attraction – a skating ring embedded with 5,000 frozen fish, crabs and various other shellfish, as well as enlarged photos of larger marine creatures, like stingrays and sharks.

But things went very fast after it received coverage on a local TV. Inquiries and criticism started pouring in, and the Space World Facebook page was bombarded with negative comments.

These chocolate shoes cost more than real shoes

Osaka: The "Gentleman's Radiance" chocolate line is the creation of master chocolatier Motohiro Okai of Rihga Royal Hotel's chocolate boutique L'éclat, in Osaka, Japan. Each shoe measures 26 centimeters (10.2 inches) in length, and is crafted exclusively from chocolate, including the insole and laces.

The shoes come in three different shades of brown leather – light, dark and red-brown and have a realistic shiny finish which achieved after a painstaking process.

The workmanship and attention to detail that went into creating the Gentleman's Radiance chocolate shoes is best reflected by the obscene price tag of a pair – 29,160 yen (US$258.45). Only nine pairs will be made available for purchase, and only by reservation. Each pair of chocolate shoes comes bundled with shoe care accessories, including a shiny shoehorn made from chocolate and a jar of "shoe cream" that actually contains round disks of tempered chocolate.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is gluten found in foods other than bread?

Gluten is found in many foods, including: Beer, French fries, pasta, salad dressing, soy sauce and some soups. In order to be labelled "Gluten-free", foods must contain less than 20 PPM of gluten.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Winners of Volleyball Tourney, Best Physique Contest

Mysuru, Sept.11 - SBRR Mahajana First Grade College secured first place in Volleyball Tournament conducted by JSS College, Ooty Road, in city recently. The team is as follows:

Sanjay (captain), Hariprasad, Manoj, Kirankumar, Kiran and Thilak

Sanjay, Manoj, Shashikanth, Gawrav, Sagar and Karthik

Best Physique: The SBRR Mahajana First Grade College also secured Team Championship in Best Physique competition conducted by University of Mysore (UoM). The team is as follows:

Mohithkumar Chawhan (Captain) S. Sri Kiran, Santhosh Nayak and Rishab

Really...?

- *Sunflower with largest flower head is 32 ¼ inches in diameter (measured from the outer tip of the petal on one side to the outer tip of the petal on the opposite side) was grown by Emily Martin in Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada in 1983.*
- *Sunflowers are one of the fastest growing plants and they grow tall. On an average they grow up to 8-12 feet within six months.*
- *Sunflower is the National flower of Ukraine and State flower of Kansas.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

What does Johnny do after taking a Xerox?
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Today's Currency Rate

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1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.36
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1 Euro	= Rs. 83.94

VOICE OF THE READER

This busy Circle is crying for attention

Sir,

The people who live or pass through Surya Bakery Circle in Hebbal know the pain of commuting via this Circle. Even though various problems are evident, no authorities have taken necessary actions.

I want to point out some of the major issues we are facing here:

1. Since city buses and company cabs pass through this Circle, the road becomes congested, especially during peak hours. In addition, the Circle becomes a bottleneck if two buses arrive from opposite direction. To worsen this condition, two-wheeler riders try to overtake the buses in-turn blocking the whole road.

2. Nearly three months back, the roads were dug to lay pipelines. The contractor has failed to restore the roads properly due to which nearly 20% of the road is not in usable condition currently.

3. Since there is a bar located at the Circle, the Kumbarakoppal Main Road towards Kumbarakoppal last bus stop will be jam-packed with two-wheelers parked on both sides of the road in the evening. These two-wheelers are parked by the bar customers. Some people even park their vehicles haphazardly blocking the traffic.

4. In the evening time due to drunkards menace, women and children are hesitant to use this road. It is a common sight to see drunks having 'social gathering' near the bar or lying on the roadside creating a nuisance.

5. On a regular basis, garbage is being dumped near the Circle bus stop by miscreants. As a result, foul smell will emanate from the litter.

We can solve these issues if we can implement the following steps:

1. Installing traffic signal or stationing a Traffic Police at least during peak hours.

2. Shifting the bar to some other place far from the Circle and residential areas.

3. Asphalting the roads to restore it.

4. Imposing fine on those people who litter the area with garbage.

I request the local authority to look into this issue on priority and take necessary steps to tackle the situation.

—Vinayakrishna
Hebbal
30.8.2018

'Krishnegowdana Aane' play for PU students

Mysuru, Sept.11 (RKB&US)- Abhinaya Troupe will stage a play titled 'Krishnegowdana Aane' on Sept.26 at Kalamandira here for PU students.

Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here recently, M. Siddaraju of Prathibimba Troupe said that the play 'Krishnegowdana Aane' by Poornachandra Tejaswi, which is a part of the syllabus for PU students, will be directed by K. Keerthiraj and the play will be enacted through four shows.

For advance booking of tickets and more details, contact Mob: 70901-23258. Keerthiraj and Artiste Ravichandra were present during the press meet.

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Wildlife Week Photography contest and expo at Zoo

Mysuru, Sept.11 - Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens is organising Wildlife Week Photography competition and Exhibition as part of Wildlife Week celebrations from Oct. 1 to Oct. 7. The competition and exhibition consists of two categories — Wildlife Category and Zoo Category.

Only 1 unmounted photograph measuring size of 12" x 18" will be accepted in each section. Entry fee for each section will be Rs.100. Each category consists of 3 cash awards and 4 Certificate of Merit. Photographs previously exhibited in Mysuru Zoo Photography Competition will not be accepted.

Last date for receiving the entry is Sept.22. Date of judging will be on Sept. 24 and the exhibition of selected photographs from Oct.1 to 7.

For details, contact Ph:0821 2520302 or 2440752, according to a press release from the Deputy Conservator of Forests and Executive Director, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru.

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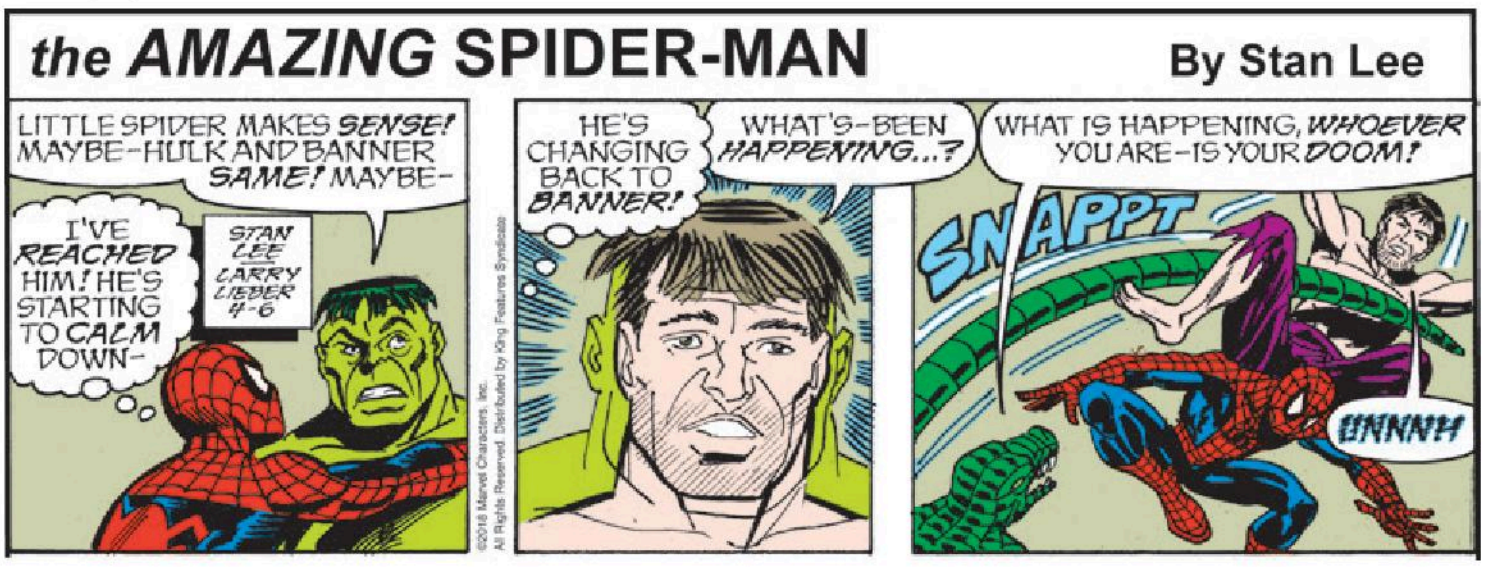
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NEWS BRIEFS

Financial aid

Hunsur Municipal Council is offering financial assistance of Rs.50,000 for meritorious SC/ ST students studying BE/ MBBS courses for purchase of laptop or desktop computers. Assistance is also offered for Backward Class people to construct personal toilets. Retro-fitted scooters will be provided to disabled people. For details, contact Ph: 08222-252048, according to a press release.

Pre-matric Scholarships

Nanjangud Taluk Backward Classes Welfare Department is offering Pre-matric Scholarship for students studying from 1st to 10th standard. Applications can be submitted online by visiting ssp.karnataka.gov.in before Sept.30. for details, call Ph: 0821-2342917.

The District SC/ST Welfare Department is offering Pre-matric Scholarship for ST students. Last date to submit application is Oct.31. For details, visit: ssp.karnataka.gov.in or tw.kar.nic.in or contact Ph: 0821-2427170.

Last date extended

Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation has extended the last date for submission of applications online for availing loan facility till Sept.20. For details, visit http://kmdc.karnataka.gov.in/ or call Ph: 0821-2430080.

Swati Puja

Swati Puja has been organised at the premises of Mysuru Branch of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt in Jayalakshmipuram on Sept.13. Mahasudarshana Sankalpa Homa and special abhisheka at 7.30 am, special decoration at 12.30 pm. Mahamangalarati at 1 pm. Prakarotsava at 7.30 pm followed by distribution of prasada at 8 pm, according to a press release.

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(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	123.20 ft
Yesterday	123.48 ft
Inflow	1,270 cusecs
Outflow	5,493 cusecs
Last year on this date	104.15 ft

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,856.42 ft
Inflow	2,178 cusecs
Outflow	500 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,282.69 ft
Inflow	1,626 cusecs
Outflow	1,500 cusecs

UoM women Civic workers call off stir after G.T. Devegowda's visit

Mysuru, Sept.11 (YDS&DM)- The indefinite stir launched by women Civic workers of University of Mysore (UoM), citing issues such as wage disparity and outsourcing of cleaning work to third parties, finally came to an end with District in-Charge Minister G.T. Devegowda visiting them on Monday.

The women Civic workers were on an indefinite stir in front of Kuvempu Statue at Manasagangothri for the past seven days.

The Minister, who patiently heard the grievances of the Civic workers, directed UoM VC (in-charge) Prof. T.K. Umesh to cancel the new tender, which the Varsity had called to hire new contract workers.

Besides highlighting the imminent danger of unemployment that the new tender posed, the protesting women Civic workers sought regularisation of their services and statutory benefits such as ESI and Provident Fund (PF).

G.T. Devegowda also promised to address other issues that the workers had raised including the demand for pay on par with permanent employees.

The Minister also assured that he will address the issues after the Dasara celebrations. Taking the case of a woman Civic worker, who was forced to return to work soon after giving birth, into cognisance, Devegowda directed the University administration to provide maternity leave for Civic workers and also asked the authorities to extend healthcare benefits to the workers.

UoM Registrar Prof. R. Rajanna, former Mayor and former Chairman of State Safai Karmachari Commission Narayan, AITUC Member Umadevi, Civic Workers Association President Chandrashekar Meti and others were present.

Music Varsity students withdraw stir following Minister's assurance

Mysuru, Sept.11 (YDS&NNN)- The students of Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, who were demanding basic facilities in the University, withdrew their protest after Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD) assured them to resolve all the problems.

The students were on strike since the last ten days. GTD visited the campus on JLB Road in Lakshmipuram yesterday afternoon and inspected the classrooms and the musical instruments. Realising that the students were indeed facing a lot of problems, he promised to solve the problems at the earliest.

Later, addressing the media, Devegowda said that there was shortage of basic facilities in the building and the students were obviously facing problems to study in such an atmosphere. Hence, a fully equipped building will be constructed in the campus itself.

However, if the work is taken up then the classes cannot be held. Therefore, a building belonging to Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) near Mandakalli will be taken up on a temporary basis and the University will be shifted there. He will hold discussion regarding this with the KSOU Vice-Chancellor, said Devegowda.

Send the proposal urgently: The Music University Registrar Dr. Nagesh Bettakote brought to the notice of the Minister that the University building belonged to the Primary and Secondary Education Department. Reacting to this, GTD said that he would talk to the Minister concerned.

"But you give a proposal to shift the building. Along with that give a detailed report as to how many teaching and non-teaching staff are there in the University and how many staff are required," he said.

Drop unwanted subjects: The students apprised GTD about the subjects where there were no staff to teach the subject and moreover those subjects were not at all related to their studies. At this juncture, VC Dr. Rajesh informed the Minister that according to UGC guidelines, Indian Constitution, Environmental Studies and Computer Applications must be studied.

The students counter complained that science and technology were subjects not related to them at all and it was being prescribed. GTD asked the VC whether these subjects were essential for the students to study, he (VC) replied that actually they were not important. Then drop those subjects, GTD told Dr. Rajesh.

Solve marks card problem: The students sharing the problem with the Minister regarding the marks card, said that only marks are printed and there are no title of the subjects.

Responding to the problem, GTD asked the University officials to sort out the problems within a month, and warned that otherwise a meeting will be called and stringent action taken.

Pedestrian killed in road mishap

Mysuru, Sept.11 (KS)- A 25-year-old youth, who was walking near Sagarakatte which comes under in Yelwal Police limits, was killed on the spot when a car hit him last evening. The deceased is identified as Devaraju, a resident of Sagarakatte.

Devaraju was walking near the Sagarakatte Bridge last evening when a car rammed into him resulting in his death. A case has been registered at Yelwal Police Station in this regard.

Obituary

B. Krishnarao

Mysuru, Sept.11- B. Krishnarao (82), proprietor of Hotel Rajmahal and Hotel Parimala and a resident of Khille Mohalla, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Devaki, sons Gopalakrishna and Narasimha, daughters Gayatri and Ramadevi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed in city last night, according to family sources.

Pailwan Kemparaju

Pailwan Kemparaju (88), a resident of Sunnadakeri in K.R. Mohalla here, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

A known pailwan of Besthara Kalanna Garadi in Sunnadakeri, Kemparaju leaves behind a son, six daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

Sexual harassment case

Police launch search for Vidyahamsa Swamiji

Mysuru, Sept.11 (RK&KS)- The Mysuru City Police have launched a hunt to nab Sri Vidyahamsa Bharati Swamiji, who has gone absconding after a woman accused him of sexually harassing her.

Swamiji

A special Police investigation team has been formed to nab the absconding Swamiji, the victim's husband, who is accused of forcing her to go to the Seer and others involved. The Cops are trying to trace them through Call Details Record (CDR).

Sources said that as the accused have switched off their mobile phones and not using the SIM cards, there are no clues about them.

It may be recalled that Sri Vidyahamsa Bharathi Swamiji of Thridhama Kshetra at Pandavapura was in city for Chaturmasya Vratha during which he had harassed the woman sexually. Later, the woman had lodged a complaint at Kuvempunagar Police Station on Sept.7.

Hubby nabs eve-teaser

Beats him black and blue, hands him over to Cops

Mysuru, Sept.11 (SPN&KS)- A man, who saw his wife being teased by a man, caught hold of the eve teaser, beat him black and blue before handing him over to the Police.

The incident took place at Brindavan Layout in city yesterday and the person who allegedly teased the lady and got beaten is Manju.

The woman, who works at a Kalyana Mantap on KRS Road here, was being followed and teased by Manju since four days.

As the harassment continued, the woman informed her husband Ramesh Gowda.

Ramesh, who began to follow his wife by keeping distance, saw Manju teasing her again and confronted him resulting in Manju scooting from the spot only to be chased by Ramesh, who caught him (Manju) at Brindavan Layout and beat him black and blue.

Ramesh later brought Manju to Metagalli Police Station and handed over him to the Cops and filed a complaint.

Scholarships

Mysuru, Sept.11 (US)- Under the National e-Scholarship scheme, applications are invited from students with physical disability for award of Pre-matic and Post-matric Scholarship. Applications can be submitted online by logging on to *www.disablityaffairs.gov.in* before Sept.30 for pre-matric and Oct.31 for post-matric scholarship. For details, call Ph: 0821-2490111.

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The Board of Management has decided to award Merit Scholarship to the member's children who have secured more than 70% & above in SSLC and 65% and above in II year PUC. The awards will be distributed to selected students in the Annual General Body Meeting schedule to be held on Sunday, **23-09-2018**.

Among the application received, **30** students from SSLC & **15** students from II year PUC will be selected purely on the basis of the Merit.

Application forms can be obtained from the I/C General Manager of the Bank during Business hours on producing share pass book.

The last date to submit the filled application will be **19-09-2018 till 4.30 PM.**

By order of the Board of Management
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A coup that awaits the daring

Point of VIEW

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There is a strategic political coup that Rahul Gandhi can execute, and thereby transform the entire landscape of the 2019 election. Routine politicking won't do in the present climate because Narendra Modi's oratorical ability to attract mass attention is unrivalled and his party has the advantage of being in power. It will be foolish to see 2019 as a Modi versus Rahul test. The Congress should understand this unusual situation and take unusual steps to meet the challenge.

Rahul can swing everything in his favour with a bit of daring, and a bit of the long view. The first step is to know that he cannot just shrug off the combined handicap of inexperience in government, relative youth and the dynasty tag. Modi makes fun of these by using nicknames like *Shazada* and *Pappu*. To imagine that this drawback can be overcome with fiery speeches, a foreign visit or two and modern marketing technology would be to succumb to the temptations of power. Pressures to commit this mistake must be resisted with daring.

The long view is needed to realise that he has nothing to lose by waiting. Time is on his side. If he remains Congress President but formally withdraws from the perceived Prime-Minister-to-be position, it will be a boost to the opposition among whom there are leaders sceptical of his lack of exposure to public office. The acceptability level of the Congress will increase simultaneously, making opposition unity easier to attain. The Congress will remain a major component of the opposition alliance entitled to all the benefits of a victor in case the alliance wins a majority in the election.

What if the Congress wins enough seats on its own to become a legitimate claimant for Prime Ministership? The shrewdest move Rahul Gandhi can make in such a situation is to put up another Congress leader for the top post and himself become a Cabinet Minister intent on gaining administrative experience. That will raise his political stock sky high. Indira Gandhi was a Minister in Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri's Cabinet and she was the better administrator for that (although she didn't like it at the time). By contrast, Chandrasekhar was a Member of Parliament for many years, active as a Young Turk. But he became Prime Minister straightaway in November 1990 without any administrative experience in any branch of government. The result was that he became something of an Old Turk as Prime Minister and lasted only seven months after which he withered away.

Rahul Gandhi can kill two birds with one stone. While withdrawal from the Prime Ministerial race will crown him with a halo of wisdom, the presence of Congressmen with unimpeachable Prime Ministerial quality will strengthen the standing of his party in any alliance. Choosing the right one is a problem a Party President with Rahul Gandhi's clout can easily solve.

Rahul Gandhi

P.Chidambaram

Mallikarjun Kharge

To cite two examples, P. Chidambaram is unofficially mentioned as a potential Prime Minister. But he could well be a disaster. For one thing, "whispers" about his PM qualities were contrived as far back as in 2012 when "overseas media" including such weighty titles as *The Economist* carried the whispers. The Congress even ordered an internal inquiry about it. A more important factor against him is that his name is linked rightly or wrongly with corruption cases, his son contributing to that negative asset. Chidambaram is capable, educated and modernistic, but he is unpopular. His image is his enemy.

Mallikarjun Kharge, on the other hand, is a dream candidate for Prime Ministership. One of the most experienced politicians in public life today, he has handled Ministerial portfolios for more than 40 years, in his State and at the Centre. The portfolios have included, Education, Panchayat Raj, Industries, Revenue, Transport and Home. The crowning glory is that he has handled all these without attracting corruption scandals. This must be a unique record.

Kharge has a couple of other qualifications that are important in India's convoluted politics. He is from the South who speaks Hindi like a native. His role as the virtual Leader of the Opposition in Parliament has evoked the reluctant admiration of even the ruling party. Additionally, he is from the Scheduled Caste, though he never plays the caste card. A Congress Party that puts up Mallikarjun Kharge as its Prime Ministerial candidate, with Rahul Gandhi confidently waiting in the background, will be a formidable force in 2019. The only question is whether Rahul will have the daring and the long view to grab the opportunity.

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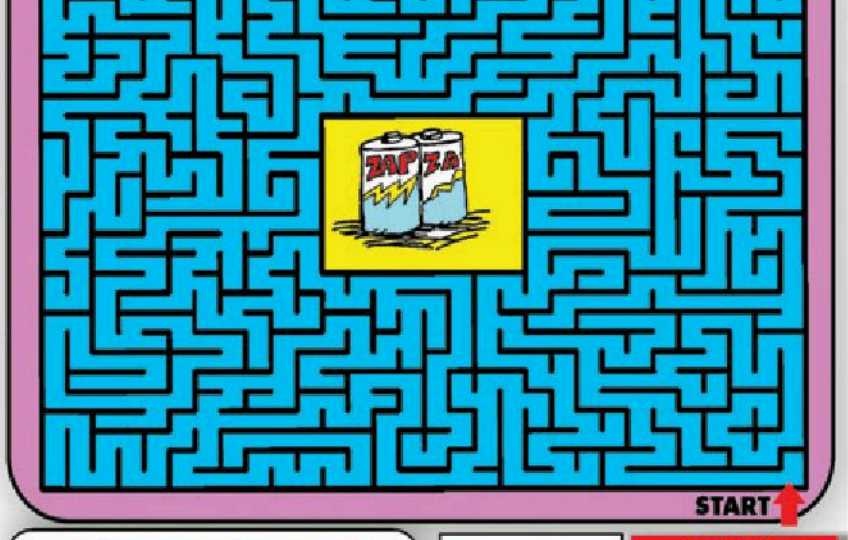
BRAIN TEASERS

By Dave Allen

LIGHT

*Light travels at a very fast speed, roughly 300,000 kilometres a second.
* Light from the Sun takes more than eight minutes to reach the Earth.
*The speed of light was first measured by Olaf Roemer of Denmark, in 1676.
* Light is a form of energy, similar to heat. It is the only type of energy that we can see.
*Light can be bent when bounced back from a surface, such as a mirror. This is called reflection.
* Sir Isaac Newton was the first person to show that white light was a mixtures of colours. He carried out experiments between 1665-1666.



FINAL FACT

Some animals can see colours that we can't. A bee for instance can see colours beyond violet, but sees red objects as black.

A BIT OF FUN

Why did the monster eat the lightbulb?

He wanted some light refreshment.

PLAY THE MAZE

Can you help Fred find the batteries to his torch?

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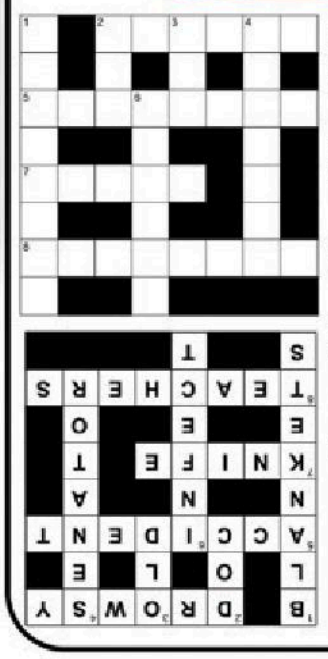
Mirror image

The drawing on the right is the mirror image of the one on the left except for two things. Can you find them?

The two scouts on the dog are around the wrong way and the nose is completely black

CROSSWORD



ACROSS
2: Tired.
5: Something that happens unexpectedly.
7: Used for cutting.
8: In charge of classrooms.

DOWN
1: They keep you warm.
2: Short for Doctor.
3: Opposite to young.
4: A person elected to the Senate.
6: Germs can do this to a wound.

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Petrol & Diesel: Do we see fake news floating ?

All you wanted to know about petrol prices but not willing to hear the truth

By Bhamy Shenoy
IIT-Madras, Oil Industry Expert

Congress Party, with the support of other Opposition parties, organised a nationwide **Bharat Bandh** yesterday, September 10, 2018, to protest against the price rise in petrol and diesel. Congress claimed that NDA has "looted" Rs. 11 lakh crore from "common man" by imposing high taxes on petroleum products. Most opposition parties supported the initiative of the Congress Party.

Coinciding with this development, *India Today's* article titled, *"Why Indian government exports petrol at half the price we pay"* has caught the attention of the public.

As expected, the ruling party coalition NDA blames the price rise on international oil price increase, devaluation of rupee and also points finger at State governments (whose taxes increase with oil price unlike that of the Central government) who are unwilling to reduce their taxes.

In Karnataka, when the Congress Party demanded the reduction of petrol taxes, its partner JD(S) refused since it wants revenues to write off farmer loans.

Because of all these different developments, it is but natural that there is total confusion about petrol price rise.

As shown in the chart of petrol price since the beginning of 2018, current petrol price is marginally higher than what it was three months back in June. Still the Congress Party decided to launch an aggressive campaign against the price rise. When petrol price reached historic high in May, Opposition parties led by former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram stated that NDA can reduce petrol price by Rs. 25 per litre. Only a magician could have pulled that trick without hurting the economy.

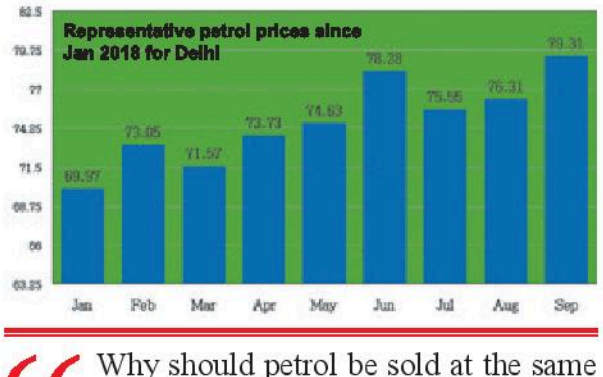
During the UPA rule between 2005-06 and 2013-14 (10 years), it incurred a loss of Rs. 4.3 trillion by selling petrol and diesel below cost while NDA collected additional revenues of Rs. 4.4 trillion during its four-year rule. NDA was able to do this since it increased Central duty for petrol from Rs.9.48 per litre to Rs. 19.48 and for diesel from Rs. 3.56 per litre to Rs. 15.33 per litre in small doses.

It is not a loot as claimed by Congress Party

However, to refer to the collection of taxes on petrol and diesel as loot and saying that Indian government is exporting petrol at half the price to that of what we pay here is a perfect example of "fake news."

On the surface, they look like the narratives based on facts. However, the implied suggestion by the "fake news" industry that NDA government is acting irresponsibly, is far from truth. I am boldly making this statement even at the risk of being criticised as an NDA "bhakta." **But earlier, I was highly critical of NDA when it forced ONGC to buy a loss-making Gujarat National Petroleum Company and also its irrational gas policy.**

All over the world with the exception of oil exporting countries and that too where rulers are non-democratic, petrol and diesel are taxed heavily *[See Chart on global petrol price]*. There are about 55 countries where petrol is sold for above Rs.100 per litre with the highest being Rs. 153 per litre in Hong Kong. The petrol price Chart shows product cost is Rs. 39.21 per litre and total taxes are Rs. 37.09 per litre. **Certainly taxes can be reduced. But it has to be followed by reducing subsidies and funding for welfare projects to control inflation. Or public sector oil companies can be forced to reduce price and incur losses as happened during the UPA rule.**



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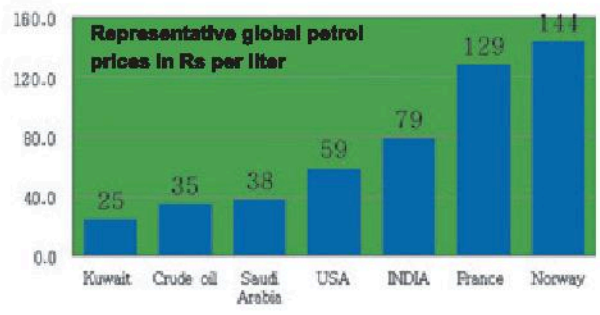
> It is reasonable to have different opinions on the rate of taxes to be imposed (VAT in Maharashtra is around 42% while in Goa it is 17% and Karnataka it is 30%). **But it should be debated not in the streets of India by organising Bharat Bandh but in the Parliament and State Assemblies.**

No one likes paying taxes if they can avoid it. We know how a small percentage of India's population pay income taxes. How can any government provide essential services (Defence, Police, Health, Education, Water supply, Power etc.,) and take up welfare projects if it does not have access to adequate funds?

Is common man really hurt by higher price? No

It is not the "common man" (another fake news) who is the loser as a result of higher petrol price as claimed by the political parties. **Who is this common man? Who consumes petrol? It is mostly the owners of cars, SUVs and two-wheelers.** When 30% of Indians are below the poverty line and roughly 20% are just about the poverty line who cannot afford cars and two-wheelers, is it really the common man suffering because of high petrol price? There is no free lunch. **It is true that diesel prices will hurt farmers who use diesel pumps (only 12% of total diesel consumption in agriculture sector) and those that use public transportation.** However, any such impact can be mitigated by Direct Benefit Transfer to poor farmers rather than lowering prices artificially.



Exporting petrol at half the price is fake news

Is Indian government truly exporting petrol at half the price to that of what we pay here and thus depriving the benefit to the common man? It is true export price is around Rs. 39 per litre and current price in Indian market (based on Delhi) is Rs. 79 per litre. While India can charge taxes on internal consumption, they cannot tax export prices. **This is akin to comparing apples with oranges.**

It is not Indian government which is forcing public or private companies to sell petrol to foreign countries. **After meeting the domestic needs, oil companies make such decisions based on profitability.** A private company like Reliance which has a very sophisticated refinery can buy the most inexpensive heavy and high sulphur crude oil (not many refineries in world have the capacity to process such crude oil) to maximise high valued petrol and diesel to export to profit for India. If, as implied by *India Today* statement, the government puts a ban on export of fuel products, it is India which stands to lose. Currently, India has a surplus of 11.6 million tons (MT) of petrol and 26.8 MT of diesel and India has to import 13.1 MT of LPG. If Indian refineries are prevented from exporting petrol, then they will be forced to import higher quantities of LPG which is a drain on Indian foreign exchange. In short, it is advantageous for India to export petrol and diesel.

Protest against rising fuel prices is a great political game

Unfortunately, protesting against any petrol price has become a "Great Game" to gain political capital by all political parties. While in Opposition, NDA also played the same game. Actually it is the **consumer movement** (which is yet to take off in India) that should have been in the forefront to **demand competition amongst oil companies to bring down petrol prices** (I hasten to add, not the kind of decrease political parties are demanding).

Today, it is the pricing umbrella based on import parity formula adapted by oil companies (that is product cost charged to petroleum dealers is based on hypothetical cost of importing petrol when in fact we are exporting it) has killed any competition in petroleum marketing. **Why should petrol be sold at the same price at all stations in every city? It should be decided by the competition amongst the oil companies. Political parties should protest against such consumer-unfriendly practices, instead of reducing taxes which finally hurts the common man.**

It is reasonable to have different opinions on the rate of taxes to be imposed (VAT in Maharashtra is around 42% while in Goa it is 17% and Karnataka it is 30%). **But it should be debated not in the streets of India by organising Bharat Bandh but in the Parliament and State Assemblies.**

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CM in city, inaugurates photo expo

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy seen clicking a photo to inaugurate the Photo Exhibition at Suchitra Art Gallery in Kalamandira premises this morning as Ministers G.T. Devegowda and S.R. Mahesh, hotelier P.V. Giri, photographers Nandan, M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav, Udaykumar, Pragathi Gopalakrishna and others look on.

Mysuru, Sept. 11 (RK&DM)- Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who is in city, inaugurated a two-day Photography Exhibition organised by the City Photo Journalists as part of World Photography Day at Suchitra Art Gallery in Kalamandira here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the CM said that photography is an adventurous profession as it involves a lot of skills and risks.

Pointing out that internationally renowned photographer T.S. Satyan, who hailed from Mysuru, was a role model to photographers, CM underlined the role of photographers in sending out right messages to the people through their professional skills.

Earlier, senior journalist K. Shivakumar, who welcomed, appealed the CM for health insurance cover to all journalists, sites to those journalists who do not have a own house and as well as pension to journalists, who retire after serving for decades.

Replying to the appeal, the CM assured of seriously considering the demands and constitution of a Committee for the purpose.

Senior photographer Pragathi Gopalakrishna was conferred T.S. Satyan Photography Award on the occasion. **The two-day expo, which will conclude tomorrow, will be open for the public between 10 am and 6 pm.**

Royal Family with the Royal Jumbo

Mysuru, Sept. 11 (MTY&NNN)- *"Our elephants play a central role in our Mysore tradition. Visited Arjuna and the other elephants that have arrived at The Palace, Mysore, for the Navaratri Festivities,"* is the message that the scion of the erstwhile Mysore Royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar posted on his Facebook page yesterday.

He along with his wife Trishikha Devi Wadiyar and son Aadyaveer visited the camp in the Mysore Palace yesterday, where the Dasara elephants are housed and in an affectionate gesture caressed the elephants and also served them jaggery and fruits. Yaduveer also fed the elephants with hay.

The elephants are camping near Kodi Someshwara temple and Yaduveer spoke to the Mahouts, Kavadis and the Forest officials enquiring with them about the condition of the elephants and their food habits.

Every year the erstwhile royal family's Pramoda Devi Wadiyar also visits the place where the Dasara elephants are housed in the Palace premises.

I can make 5 BJP MLAs to quit party: H.D.Kumaraswamy

Mandya, Sept.11 (NG&DM)- Even as speculations are rife on whether the Jarakiholi brothers, who are reportedly upset over the happenings going on in the Congress over Belagavi politics, are going to rock the JD(S)-Congress coalition government, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy has hinted that he can make five BJP MLAs to quit the party.

Speaking to press persons here this morning on his way to Mysuru, Kumaraswamy scotched rumours going on about the longevity of his Government.

Claiming that five BJP MLAs were willing to quit their seats and cross over to the ruling dispensation, the CM said that the BJP's game-plan of toppling his Government would not succeed and the BJP was only daydreaming on coming to power.

Expressing displeasure over media reports on the stability of his Government, Kumaraswamy said that in a U-turn of sorts, five BJP MLAs were waiting to quit and this may happen in a few days.

Giving details about his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at New Delhi yesterday, the CM maintained that the PM has responded positively to the State's demands for funds to take up rehabilitation works in flood-affected areas of State.

Pointing out that he had apprised the PM of the huge crop-loss and destruction of infrastructure in flood-affected districts, he said that the State needs at least Rs.9,000 crore. But the Prime Minister has not assured on the amount of money that the Centre would release for the purpose, he said.

Referring to cutting down State cess on petrol and diesel in order to bring down the prices, the CM said he would discuss the pros and cons of cess reduction with Finance Department Officials.

Replying to a query on notices being served by banks to farmers, Kumaraswamy said he has called a meeting of Finance Department officials at Bengaluru tomorrow, when he would direct the Bank authorities to stop issuing notices to farmers.

Saree Frenzy

(Continued from page 1)

KSIC General Manager Krishnappa speaking to *Star of Mysore* here this morning said that in all only 5,000 zari silk sarees had been manufactured for *Varamahalakshmi* fest (Aug.24).

Out of this, Mysuru is given 1,500, the highest number of sarees whereas the other KSIC outlets in Bengaluru, Channapatna, Davangere and Belagavi will be distributed anywhere between 750 to 1,000 sarees. The sale is going on simultaneously in all the outlets and it will end today itself, he said.

The sale is likely to begin only after 3 pm on the arrival of the CM and the Sericulture Minister, he said and added that once the registration touches 1,500, the issuance of token will be stopped.

Asked how much the original price of the saree was, a few of the officials said that it could range between Rs.8,000 and Rs.12,000. However, the final price of the saree including 5 per cent tax (Rs.4,500+Rs.250) will be Rs.4,750.

Meanwhile, the queue kept growing and it had extended right up to the Devaraja Urs Wrestling arena near Dasara Exhibition Grounds. Tight Police security was provided with the Police personnel keeping a close watch to see that no untoward incidents occurred.

'Souharda Sanman' award for Dr. T.V. Kattimani

Dr. Kattimani

Mysuru, Sept.11 (US)- Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan has selected Dr. T.V. Kattimani, Vice-Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU), Madhya Pradesh, for 'Souharda Sanman' award.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs.2 lakh and a citation.

The award is in recognition of Dr. Kattimani's contribution to Hindi literature and higher education.

Kattimani is also a good writer and critic in Kannada with over 30 books to his credit and has won several State and National awards.

He was instrumental in the evolution of IGNTU with staff and faculty drawn from 27 States providing Graduation, Post-Graduation and Research facilities.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will confer the award on Kattimani at a function to be held at Lucknow by September end.

Gowri-Ganesha: Shoppers throng city markets

Mysuru, Sept.11 (MTY&US)- In view of Gowri-Ganesha festival, Markets and Textile Showrooms in city witnessed heavy rush this morning. People from rural areas were predominantly seen buying clothes for family members.

Flowers, especially Chrysanthemum (Sevanthige) was being sold between Rs. 60 and Rs. 80 per standard length on prominent streets and in Markets.

Women were seen busy buying puja articles. Shops selling clay idols of Gowri and Ganesha were doing brisk business. The rates of vegetables and fruits two were on the higher side making people go choosy to pick the affordable ones.

The rush had resulted in parking problems on Sayyaji Rao Road and on other roads. Traffic jam too was noticed at several places.

Forest Martyrs' Day observed

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF) Jagath Ram placing the wreath on the Forest Martyr's Memorial at Late Venkataswamy Park, opposite Aranya Bhavan in Ashokapuram in city, where Forest Martyr's Day was observed this morning.

Mysuru, Sept.11 (MTY&KS)- With the staff standing with theirs heads bowed down at the four corners of the Martyr's Memorial at Late Venkataswamy Park, opposite Aranya Bhavan and firing three shots in the air, to show respect to Martyrs, tributes were paid to Forest Department personnel who had laid down their lives in the line of duty, to observe National Forest Martyrs' Day this morning.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF) Jagath Ram, who was chief guest, recalled the sacrifices made by the Forest staff in safeguarding the natural wealth and said that Forest Martyrs' Day is being observed to remember and give respects to all those who had laid down their lives while on duty. He said that it was one's duty to remember them daily and not restrict it to occasions like Martyrs' Day, he added.

Remembering late S. Manikandan, Conservator of Forests and Director of Rajiv Gandhi National Park, Hunsur, who was killed by an elephant in March this year, Jagath Ram said that the late officer should be remembered for his commitment and for his yeomen service to the wildlife and called upon the forest staff to follow his steps in conserving wildlife.

Prior to this, the Forest Department personnel fired three rounds of bullets in the air as a mark of respect for martyrs. The guests also paid floral tributes to the Martyrs' Memorial.

Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) S. Venkateshan, DCF Mysuru Division K.T. Hanumanthappa, DCF (Wildlife) M.C. Siddramappa, Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajith Kulakarni and other officials were present.

Why Forest Martyrs' Day is observed?

On Mar.11, 1730, Maharaja Abhay Singh of Jodhpur, who was building a new Palace, had ordered his soldiers to chop Kerji trees grown in Kejarli province, which was opposed by Bishlohi community which angered the Maharaja who got 363 men, women and children killed. In a bid to remember the sacrifices made by the Bishlohi community and to pay respects to those who were killed while protecting the trees from being chopped, the Government announced to observe Forest Martyrs' Day on Sept.11 throughout the country.

Nagamangala Police arrest extortionist

Gold ornaments worth about Rs.50 lakh, two cars seized

Mandya, Sept.11 (Nagaiah& KS)- Nagamangala Police, on Aug.27, have arrested an extortionist, wanted in numerous cases of extortion in Nagamangala and Bellur Police Station limits in Mandya district and have recovered gold ornaments worth about Rs.50 lakh which he had extorted from elderly women besides seizing a Maruti 800 and a Hyundai car from him.

Disclosing this at a press meet here this morning, SP Shivaprakash Devaraj said that the accused was known with various names such as B. Somashekar, Soma, Somashekarachari, Surya, Suresh, Nagaraj and Lokesh and is a native of Timber Yard Layout, Gudadahalli in Bengaluru and presently residing in Henjagodanahalli, Arasikere town in Hassan. He further said that Somashekar used to target elderly woman and in the pretext of dropping them in his Maruti 800 car, he used to take the victims to deserted place, rob them of their valuables and throw them out of the car.

Following his arrest, the Police have solved 23 cases — one case each in Tumkur Town, Kyathsandra, Jayanagar, Kunigal and Turuvekere Police Stations in Tumakuru district, two cases each in Nagamangala Town (Mandya), Tumakuru Rural and Gubbi (Tumakuru) and Shravanabelagola (Hassan) Police Stations, three cases each in Hebbur (Tumakuru) and Tavarekere (Ramanagaram) Police Stations and four cases in Bellur (Mandya) Police Station. Apart from the above, the accused is involved in 22 cases of extortion.

A total of 45 cases of extortion have been traced and the Police have recovered gold ornaments weighing about 1.621 kg and have also seized a Maruti 800 car used for the crime and also a Hyundai car.

Mandya SP Shivaprakash Devaraj and Nagamangala Sub-Division Dy.SP H.N. Dharmendra, who congratulated Nagamanga Circle Inspector D.P. Dhanraj, Bellur Police SI H.P. Sharath Kumar, Nagamangala Rural Police SI B. Chidananda and staff Ramesh, N.S. Somashekar, B. Aneef, B.H. Indrakumar, Ompradeep, B.K. Kirankumar and drivers Chandra and Ravi, presented the team with cash rewards.

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Date & Time : 12th Sept. 2018 10.00am to 5.00pm
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr. Syed Umer Aged about 45 years, S/o late Syed Yusuf & 2) Mrs. Salma Banu aged about 40 years W/o Syed Umer residing at No. 2345/1, Sultan Road, Mandi Mohalla Mysore, are intending to purchase the vacant land property bearing D.No. 2347/1, New M-66, D.No. 2347/1A new M-66/1 situated at Mission Hospital Road, Mandi Mohalla, Mysuru, measuring East to West 50 feet, North to South 20 feet, belonging to Mrs. Arjumand Basheer D/o Late Basheer Ahmed aged about 40 years, residing at R/ at D.No. 2347/1A-M66/1, Mission Hospital Road, Mandi Mohalla, Mysuru. Which is bounded by East : private property belong to Janab sheik Iman Sahib, West : Mission Hospital Road, North : Conservancy galli, South : Nazni Begum and deceased Bimajan's residential house.

Any person having any interest over the above said property or any objection to the intended sale transaction may lodge their objection with the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within 15 days from this date. Otherwise it would be deemed that there is no objection to the sale transaction and my clients would be at liberty to purchase the property.

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22nd June 2017
Mysore

Dear Sir,

Re: Registered Trust Deed No. 606 of 1996-97
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After due consideration of the evolution of the rapidly changing educational environment, I, Andal S. Charry, Author of the Acharya Vidya Kula Trust and its President-for-life, exercise my right under item 5(c)c and hereby resign from the post of President and declare that I cannot nominate the remaining Founder Trustee as my successor. However, under item 8 Section A sub section (a) of the Trust Deed, I nominate and appoint Shri. Siddhartha Mahavir Acharya IAS Retd.) as my successor to enjoy all the privileges and prerogatives conferred by this item in the Trust Deed with immediate effect.

I request you to kindly update your records in this respect suitably.

Yours faithfully

Sd/- **Andal S. Charry**

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Celebrating *Gowri Habba* with Morada Baagina

...but for these bamboo weavers, it's just another day of struggle and hard work!

Bamboo weavers busy at work.

Mysuru, Sept. 11 (NS)- '*Mora,*' the humble kitchen utensil woven from bamboo strips, gains immense significance during the month of *Shravana* in Karnataka.

This simple bamboo tray, which is otherwise mainly used to separate the grain from the chaff, clean grains and pulses, becomes a very auspicious part of the *Gowri* festival which will be celebrated by womenfolk at almost all Hindu households tomorrow.

A pair of *moras,* filled with pulses and rice, along with other puja articles, is given as an offering and is called '*baagina.*' *Baagina* is traditionally an offering and when it is offered in a *mora,* it is called *morada baagina.*

Baagina is exchanged between women, given to daughters by mothers and by the daughters to the mothers. According to **Kusuma Rao,** a resident of Jayanagar, offering and accepting *baagina* is a symbol of prosperity, wishing that all things offered in it will continue to increase and remain inexhaustible, as also a prayer and blessing to remain a *suhaagan* throughout one's life.

"The practice of giving it in two *moras* (one covering the other) probably started, as in earlier days bamboo was widely used and also it would serve to clean the pulses and grains. The *mora* is used to separate the grain from the chaff and this also probably signifies that we need to use our discretion and give and accept only the good things in life," she adds. Another objective is that the receiver has enough pulses and rice to cook a meal for herself.

One more interesting feature, Kusuma says, is the way in which *baagina* is offered. The giver and the receiver hide the *moras* with their *pallus* and exchange them. It is because of the belief that any offering should be devoid of any kind of pomp and show and be as discreet as possible.

The *baagina* basically contains five of all the items placed, symbolising the five elements. While it has rice and four types of pulses, five puja articles and five cosmetic items, jaggery is also included. It is said the 16 items kept in the *baagina* signify the presence of Goddess Gowri in 16 different forms of Lakshmis or Shodasha Lakshmis. There are slight variations between different regions in Karnataka and even different households, regarding what the *baagina* includes. However, of late even this is modernised with a lot of other parphernalia being included. Traditionally the *moras* are cleaned and smeared with turmeric and *kumkum* dots. But even that has become more artistic now !

There is a ritualistic background too. During *Nagapanchami*, sisters invite their brothers home and make them break a '*bhandara*' (a coin is placed in a *kadabu,* kept on the threshold and the brother breaks it with his elbow) and offer him the coin along with a gift. The brothers in turn want to give a gift to their sisters to strengthen the bond between them, and the *Gowri* festival which follows suit is the best time to return favours! So the married daughters are invited to their parents' house and offered *baaginas,* and they carry back not just the gifts but a load of wishes and fond memories till they come back the next year.

On the festival day, after puja, *baagina* is first offered to Goddess Gowri. *Baagina* is also offered by the bride during *Gowri puja* on the day of marriage and is considered very auspicious.

As mentioned earlier, the *baagina* is a symbol of prosperity and when the rains are good and the rivers are full, there is a practice of offering *baagina* to the rivers too. It may be recalled, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy had offered *baagina* at Harangi, Kabini and KRS in July 2018.

Mora-makers seek raw materials at reasonable cost

While everyone is busy buying *moras* on the eve of *Gowri* festival (Sept.12) and excited to decorate them and offer *baaginas,* for the bamboo weavers it is just another day of struggle and hard work !

Somanna, a weaver who sells his ware near Apollo Hospital in Kuvempunagar, says though the demand for *moras* increase during the festival, their profit margin is very less as the raw material costs have sky-rocketed. "Earlier during the festival, the government supplied bamboo to us from the forests near MM Hills and it was very affordable. But now it is illegal to procure bamboo from the forests so we have to depend on private suppliers who charge us heavily. The government says that they will procure it for us if we identify private lands which grow bamboo. But where do we have the time for that. Bamboo is an integral part of our households and we need some kind of support in procuring the raw materials at a reasonable cost," he says.

"We have seen bamboo dry up and go waste in the forests but the government refuses to give it to us. Doesn't the bamboo shoot grow well only when its cut?" questions Raji, Somanna's wife, who rues that the use of the *moras* also has significantly reduced even in the rural areas! It was used a lot to clean ragi but now the flour mills have machines to clean ragi before making flour. That's the reason we have diverted to make other items like ladders, flower baskets, strainers, lids for vessels etc."

Gowramma, who has been selling bamboo items in the same place since the last 20 years, says the *moras* are in demand mostly during the festival. "We sell around 10 pairs a day during the season. It takes 2 hours to make one *mora,* so we can make only 5-6 pairs a day. Sometimes we buy from other weavers and sell it here. But as the sale of the *moras* are seasonal, I mainly make and sell sun shades and ladders. It's a struggle all the way," she bemoans, but has a broad grin when she looks at how neatly she has woven the smaller *moras,* which little girls buy and offer *baagina* in.

More than 100 families are working continuously and selling their wares in various parts of the city, mainly Agrahara, Nanjumalige, Bamboo Bazaar and New Kantharaj Urs Road.

Bamboo weavers Gowramma* (left) *and Somanna, who sell their wares near Apollo Hospital in Kuvempunagar, waiting for customers.

Mountain Biking: Mysuru bags Overall Championship

Mysuru, Sept.11- Mysuru bagged the Overall Championship with 76 points in the 14th State-level Mountain Biking (Cycling) Championship 2018-19 organised by the Karnataka Amateur Cycling Association and the Mysuru District Cycling Association near Lalitha Mahal Helipad in city recently.

The chief guests for the occasion were Cycling legend C.M. Kurani and President Gore.

The race was conducted on lap system trial. Cyclists from various range of categories like Under-14 years, U-16, U-18, Elite Men and Women took part in the competition. Around 120 participants from various corners of the State took part in the event. The list of winners is as follows:

ONE LAP TIME-TRIAL

U-14 - Boys: 1. Charit Gowda, Mysuru; **2.** H.R. Lakshmish, Mysuru; **3.** Pratap Padachi, Vijayapura; **Girls: 1.** Caren Marshall, Mysuru; **2.** Bhavana Patil, Bagalkot; **3.** Anupama Guleda, Bagalkot.

U-16 - Boys: 1. Adonis, Mysuru; **2.** Hasmukh, Mysuru; **3.** Anil Kalappagola,Vijayapura; **Girls: 1.** Akshatha Buthanala, Vijayapura; **2.** Pavithra Kurtakoti, Gadag; **3.** Anupama Guleda, Bagalkot.

U-18 - Girls: 1. Sowmya Anthapura, Vijayapura; **2.** Danamma Gurava, Bagalkot; **3.** Dhaneshwari Payannavara, Vijayapura.

Women: 1. Sowmya Anthapura, Vijayapura; **2.** Renuka Dandina, Gadag; **3.** Danamma Gurava, Bagalkot.

TWO LAP TIME-TRIAL

U-18 - Boys: 1. N. Kamalraj, Mysuru; 2. K.V. Vaishak, Mysuru; 3. Muthappa Navalalli, Vijayapura.

Men: 1. Nagappa Maradi, Chandargi; **2.** R. Vinay, Mysuru; **3.** Sunil Nanjappa, Bengaluru.

ONE LAP MASTER-START

U-14 - Girls: 1. Caren Marshall, Mysuru; 2. Bhavana Patil, Bagalkot; 3. Anupama Guleda, Bagalkot.

TWO LAP MASTER-START

U-14 - Boys: 1. Charit Gowda, Mysuru; 2. H.R. Lakshmish, Mysuru; 3. Raghavendra Vandala, Vijayapura.

U-16 - Boys: 1. Adonis, Mysuru; 2. Hasmukh, Mysuru; 3. Abhishek Maranura, Vijayapura; **Girls:** 1. Akshatha Buthanala ,Vijayapura; 2. Caren Marshall, Mysuru; 3. Bhavana Patil, Bagalkot.

U-18 - Girls: 1. Kavery Muranala, Vijayapura; 2. Dhaneshwari Payannavara, Vijayapura; 3. Arathi Baati, Vijayapura.

THREE LAP MASTER-START

U-18- Boys: 1. N. Kamalraj, Mysuru; 2. Adonis, Mysuru; 3. K.V. Vaishak, Mysuru.

Women: 1. Renuka Dandina, Gadag; 2. Kavery Muranala, Vijayapura; 3. Anitha Shinde, Vijayapura.

FOUR LAP MASTER-START

Men: 1. H.M. Madukumar, Mysuru; 2. N. Kamalraj, Mysuru; 3. Nagappa Maradi, Chandargi.

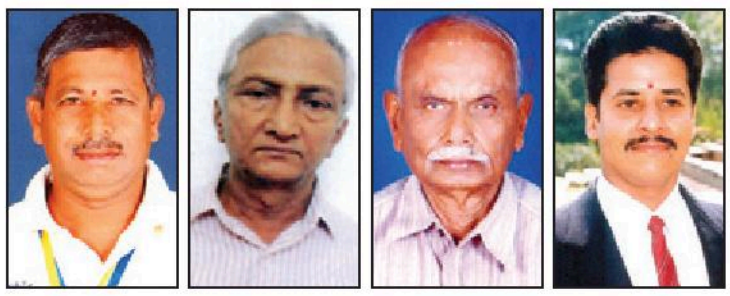
Cook scores 33rd Test Ton in farewell match

London, Sept.11- Alastair Cook made his farewell Test special by notching up his 33rd Test century off 210 balls during the fourth day of the fifth and final Test against India at The Oval. Cook, who has played over a decade of cricket for England (2006-2018), is country's leading Test run-scorer with more than 12,000 runs. By virtue of Cook's century, England extended their lead to 283 at lunch on Day 4 against India. It was in the 70th over when Cook crossed the 100-run mark and received a loud cheer and standing ovation from fans and family at The Oval. Incidentally, Cook made his Test debut against India at Nagpur in 2006 where he scored a century in England's second innings. The former England captain hit 8 boundaries en route to his 33rd Test ton.

Along with 33 Test hundreds, Cook also has 57 half-centuries to his name from 161 Test matches, highest being 294. The left-handed batsman also holds the world record of appearing in consecutive 158 Tests. Cook also became the 13th England cricketer and 40th overall to score a century in their career's last Test match.

This particular innings played by Cook is very similar to the one he played in his Test debut at Nagpur. Cook had scored a 160-ball 60 in England's first innings and remained unbeaten on 104 off 243 balls in England's second innings during the Nagpur Test in 2006.

State-level Swimming Contest Medal Winners



Jagadisha *Padmanabha* *Sundaram* *Achutha*

Mysuru, Sept.11- Following swimmers have won medals in various categories at the 20th State Masters Aquatic Chamionship-2018 organised by the Karnataka Swimming Association at Corporation Swimming Pool in Bengaluru recently:

V. Jagadish (Swimming coach at The Cosmopolitan Club, Mysuru) - Gold Medal in 100 mts Butterfly Stroke, Silver in 200 mts Individual Medley and Bronze Place in 4x50 mts Free Style Relay event. Jagadish is now selected to participate in the National-level competitions to be held at Vishakapatnam in Andhra Pradesh from Oct.12 to 14.

Y.K.A. Padmanabha (of Sundar Cable Network - representing Mysore District Swimming Association) - Gold in 100 mts Backstroke, 4x50 mts Free Style Relay and 4x50 mts Individual Medley Relay and Silver in 50 mts Butterfly and 200 mts Medley.

Sundaram Basappa (Owner of Sri Manjumatha Dish View - representing Mysore District Swimming Association) - Gold in 50 mts Backstroke, 50 mts Breaststroke, 4x50 mts Free Style Relay and 4x50 mts Individual Medley Relay and Silver in 50 mts Free Style and 100 mts Backstroke.

S. Achutha (Chartered Accountant - Member of Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club) - Bronze in 50 mts Butterfly and 4x50 mts Free Style Relay.

Hima *Rakshith*

Karate champs

Mysuru, Sept.11- Hima Prasad and Rakshith Gowda, 1st PUC students of SVG Vishwaprajna Composite PU College achieved, bagged first place in District-level Karate Competition conducted by PU Board recently.

MYSORE RACES 2018

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

"Subah Ka Tara" for *Star of Mysore* Trophy

Mysuru, Sept. 11 - The following are the selections for the 7th day Mysore Races to be held here tomorrow (12th September 2018):

1. 2.30 PM THE S. HAJEE MEMORIAL PLATE DIV II
1400 mts (rated 00 to 25)
1. Engel Berg 2.Gusty Ruler

2. 3.00 PM THE DOUGALL MEMORIAL PLATE
1600 mts (rated 20 to 45)
1. Felix Legion 2. Counter Point

3. 3.30 PM THE RANGA FAMILY CUP
1400 mts. (rated 20 to 45)
1.Draugen 2. Amazing

4. 4.00 PM THE STAR OF MYSORE TROPHY
1200 mts. (rated 60 and above)
1. Subah Ka Tara 2. Magnum Opus

5. 4.30 PM MAJ. SARDAR L. MAHADEVAIAH MEMORIAL TROPHY
1200 mts. (rated 40 to 65)
1. Murcilago 2. Excel Once

6. 5.00 PM THE S. HAJEE MEMORIAL PLATE DIV I
1400 mts. (rated 00 to 25)
1. Cash Mere 2. Flaming Spear

DAY'S BEST: *SUBAH KA TARA*
DOUBLE: *1. ENGLE BERG 2. CASH MERE*
JACKPOT: *2,3,4,5,6*
I TREBLE: *4,5,6*
EXACTAS: *5,6*

—Tipster PGC

'Waste to Wealth' wins Silicon Rd Fall Hackathon

Blockchain & Med Device startups are Runners-Up

Sid Mookerji (extreme right), Sid Mookerji, CEO of Silicon Road, is seen presenting a cash prize of Rs.1,50,000 to the winners of Silicon Rd Fall Hackathon — Anudeep Sandanamudi and Naga Bhushan.

RUNNERS-UP (from left)*: Amit Kumar & Nikhil Sinha; S. Niranjan and Ajay Surya won a cash prize of Rs.25,000.*

Mysuru, Sept.11- Silicon Rd Ideation Labs Private Ltd., Mysuru's first Accelerator for Startups, has announced the winners of its inaugural Fall Hackathon held recently.

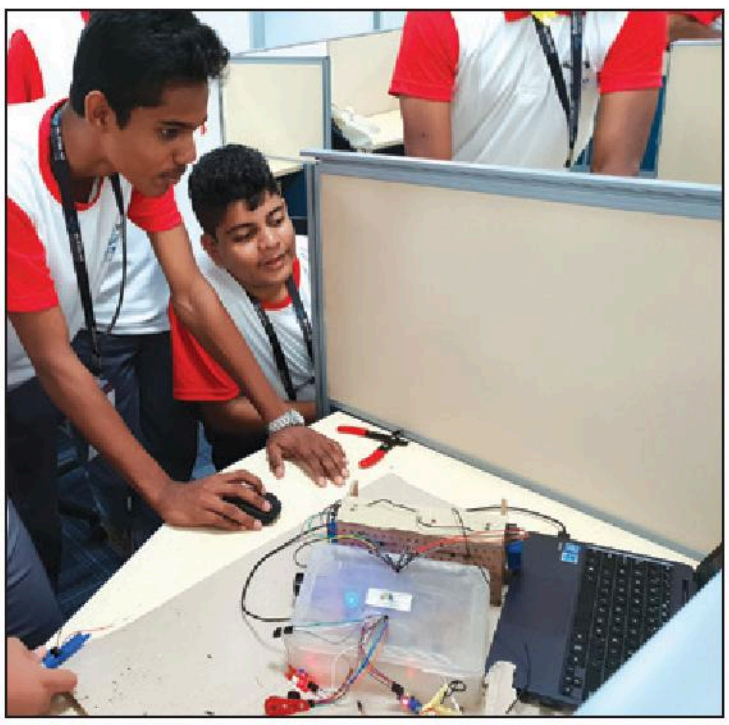
There were 228 online signups for the event including entries from Bengaluru and Hyderabad. The total prize money pool of over Rs.2 lakh, Google Credits and the opportunity for the top ten teams to qualify to participate in a free set of bootcamps for accelerating growth in startup companies. The winner was a group from CFTRI's incubation centre who built a product called 'Waste to Wealth.' The innovative idea was to convert coffee waste into utensils such as cups. They won Rs.1.5 lakh in cash along with access to Silicon Road facilities and mentoring as well as Google Credits.

There were two runners-up each winning Rs.25,000 in cash and other benefits. The two runners-up were "Falcon" who built sensors to capture bad posture; and "MeFit" an app that used speech-to-text technology to determine calorie consumption and usage from spoken instructions.

Nineteen teams competed in the event that featured mentors from Google, NASSCOM, CFTRI and others.

The jury included K.C. Ayyagiri from Google, Dr. R. Subramanian, Acting Director of CFTRI, Souad-Tenfiche CEO of NUMA and Sid Mookerji, CEO of Silicon Road.

Silicon Rd Accelerator conducted this event in partnership with Google and Numa, a France headquartered Accelerator. Google has offered "Google Credits" and an in person architectural consultation in the Google campus to winning teams that go forward and create a startup.



Koppa village patiently waits for flood-relief compensation

- **Relief denied as village comes under Mysuru district**
- **Over 70 houses damaged, hundreds of acres of coffee plantation destroyed**

Kushalnagar, Sept.11 (AG& BCT)- While the flood and landslide-ravaged Kodagu is limping back to normalcy with the District Administration planning to construct houses with composite materials for the displaced people, Koppa village near Kushalnagar patiently waits for assistance and financial help.

Technically, Koppa comes under Mysuru district with one side of the border touching Kodagu and the other touching Mysuru. Even this village was badly affected due to flooding, thanks to more than 85,000 cusecs of water released from the Harangi Dam.

While officials, surveyors and other volunteer teams have visited the adjacent Kushalnagar to assess the damage and to award compensation, nobody has ventured into Koppa so far.

The reason is simple: Koppa comes under Mysuru district while the compensation is given only to the flood-affected residents of Kodagu.

Continuous and large amount of water flowing from Harangi Reservoir, the first dam built across River Cauvery on the basin, submerged Kushalnagar and the adjacent Koppa. Such an amount of water was released from the dam for the first time ever since the constriction of the reservoir that was completed in 1982.

The flooding waters completely submerged one kilometre of the area and half-covered the other areas. The tiny village of Koppa was fully submerged and it was under water for over four days. More than 70 houses were turned un-inhabitable and seven of the houses just vanished under water. Families lost their hard-earned valuables and all their money was reduced to a lump of soggy paper.

Most of the residents grew coffee in Koppa as there was easy availability of water from the Harangi. But now, their life is uncertain as over 1,000 acres of coffee plantation have been destroyed. It will take years for them to re-grow their crop.

The Rs.3,800 immediate relief per family along with essential supplies that was provided to the displaced from Kodagu, was denied to the residents of Koppa though some of them were housed at relief centres. "None of the offices have visited Koppa so far and the estimate of loss is yet to be made," said Lakshmana, a resident of Koppa.

"My house got submerged for more than two days and there was of about four-feet of water inside the house even when the floods receded. We have lost all our belongings including furniture as the Harangi Dam authorities did not issue any warning before releasing water," said Chandramohan, a resident of Koppa.

"My coffee estate which is nearly 1.5 kilometres away from river Cauvery at Avarthi village got submerged. Over 25 acres of plantation was destroyed and I had grown coffee, pepper, arecanut and orange. All that it remains now is weak and soil-covered plants. I have suffered a loss of Rs.75 lakh and till today, no government official has neither contacted me nor visited the village," said Ponnappa, a coffee planter from Koppa.

Strengthening Modi's 'Make in India' initiative

BEML flags off nation's first 205T Electric Dump Truck

Deepak Kumar Hota, CMD, BEML, handing over the keys to P. K. Sinha, CMD, Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL), after flagging off 250T Electric Dump Truck in city yesterday as others look on.

Mysuru, Sept.11-Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), a Public Sector Company under the Ministry of Defence and a premier manufacturer of Mining & Construction equipment, has launched an indigenously designed and developed nation's first 205T Electric Drive Rear Dump Truck (Model BH205-E), with an objective of strengthening the 'Make in India' initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This will address the growing demand for higher capacity equipment in the Mining Industry.

Deepak Kumar Hota, CMD, BEML and P. K. Sinha, CMD, Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL), flagged off the equipment, for its use in NCL Project, at a function held in Mysuru on Sept. 10.

BH205E is an electric drive rear dump truck for large scale mining operations. Indigenously designed and developed BH205E Dump Truck is powered by Tier -II emission compliant Modular Common Rail Electronic Engine with 2300 HP. The AC drive system has been engineered to provide exceptional haul road performance with reduced maintenance.

This Dump Truck is environmental-friendly in relation to mechanical drive due to its superior efficiency. State-of-the-art AC drive system has been engineered for best in class efficiency and reliability. Consumption of transmission oil, final drive and brake cooling oil are eliminated reducing the environmental impact over its life cycle.

The dump truck weighs 335 Tons when fully loaded but is easily maneuverable with power-steering and short turning radius. Emphasis has been accorded to operators comfort while designing the machine and it has an ergonomically designed dash board and tiltable telescopic steering wheel. Other salient features of the truck include good visibility in addition to safety features with provisions for emergency steering, breaking and proximity warning.

"With the introduction of this new generation Dump Truck, BEML has touched another milestone in its R&D efforts in achieving self-reliance, enhanced productivity in mining operations and increased production, apart from optimizing costs. BEML acknowledges the encouragement being provided by CIL and its subsidiary for Make in India policy of Government of India," said Hota, CMD, BEML.

It may be recalled that BEML had recently supplied 150T pay load capacity Dump Truck (BH150E) to South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) for its Gevra Project.

PM to send Central teams to assess flood damage in Karnataka

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy presenting the book "The Open Eyes: A Journey Through Karnataka" authored by Dom Moraes and illustrated by Mario Miranda to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi yesterday. The book, published by the State Government in 1976, showcases the rich heritage, culture and art of Karnataka.

New Delhi, Sept. 11- Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday assured Karnataka that the Centre will send two official teams to assess the flood damages in Kodagu, Malnad districts and coastal districts.

This followed a meeting of a delegation, led by Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, with the Prime Minister to apprise him of the flood havoc in certain parts of Karnataka.

The delegation comprised former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara, and Ministers R.V. Deshpande, D.K. Shivakumar, H.D. Revanna, and Krishna Byre Gowda.

They urged PM Modi to announce a Rs. 2,000-crore relief package for rehabilitation and rebuilding infrastructure in flood-hit districts.

According to an official release, Modi responded favourably to the appeal. The loss incurred owing to rains in districts has been estimated at Rs.3,705.87 crore. The delegation also explained to the Centre the intensity of drought situation in the interior parts of Karnataka, which received below normal rainfall. A total of 17 districts received deficient rainfall.

The delegation also met Union Minister of Petroleum Dharmendra Pradhan and sought to direct oil marketing companies to release additional LPG connections for Mukhyamantri Anila Bhagya Yojane, which is complementary to Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojna. The MMABY aims at universalising the LPG usage and covering families who cannot be covered under PMUY. In MMABY, the beneficiary family is provided with gas connection, gas stove and two refills free of cost.

None from BJP

Interestingly, none of the BJP leaders turned up for the meeting. "They should have come in the interest of the State," said Revanna, responding to queries on why none from the Opposition camp were present at the meeting.

Sites earmarked for rehabilitation of Kodagu flood victims

Madikeri, Sept. 11- With the rehabilitation works being taken up on a war-footing and the rains also giving a break for the past few days, the district administration has earmarked sites for the rehabilitation of flood victims in Kodagu district.

Special Deputy Commissioner M.K. Jagadeesh said that five acres of land has been identified in Survey No. 1/13 of K. Nidugane village, where 22 families of Kaluru will be distributed sites.

About 90 families of Hebbettageri will be accommodated in sites at 7-acre land in Galibeedu Gram Panchayat limits. Four acres of land is identified in Survey No. 178 of Karnangeri village where 80 sites will be available to provide rehabilitation to a total of 65 flood-affected families of Karnangeri, Makkanduru, Hacchinadi, Hodakana and Madikeri. A total of 13 acre land has been identified in Survey Nos. 99/3, 100/3 and 100/4 to provide sites for 56 families from Galibeedu, Niduvatti, Baribellachhu and Monnangeri.

Another 10 acre land has been earmarked in Made village and 1.50 acre land in Sampaje to provide sites for victims from second Monnangeri and Sampaje.

A total of 50 acre land has been identified in Jamburu to accommodate victims from Makkanduru, Emmethalu, Mukkodlu and Meghathalu village, Jagadeesh said.

Bus fare hike likely from this Sunday

Bengaluru, Sept. 11 (KMS& DM)- Even as the Congress staged a nationwide bandh on Monday in protest against rising fuel prices, the JD(S)-Congress coalition government in the State is all set to hike bus fares from Sunday next.

The hike may be around 18 per cent for sub-urban routes and a whopping 50 per cent in respect of city transport.

However, the fare hike may be much higher for luxury bus services.

Defending the proposed fare hike, Transport Minister D.C. Thammanna said here on Monday that rising fuel prices and operational expenses has forced a fare hike.

Maintaining that the State Transport Corporations have suffered losses to the tune of Rs. 180 crore since the past four months because of rising fuel prices, Thammanna said that four Transport Corporations (KSRTC, NEKRTC, NWKRTC and BMTC) had demanded a fare hike owing to rising operational costs. Now, the government is planning a fare hike in order to offset losses and as well as to meet operational costs, Thammanna said adding that the fare hike was inevitable on account of rising fuel prices.

WORD OF THE DAY

Moirologist

Pronunciation: moiro-lowji-st

Meaning: A professional mourner or paid mourning are compensated to lament or deliver a eulogy and help comfort and entertain the grieving family. They are known as moirologists, sobbers, wailers or criers.
Origin: It is an occupation that originates from Egyptian, Chinese, Mediterranean and Near Eastern cultures. Mentioned in the Bible and other religious texts, the occupation is widely invoked and explored in literature, from the Ugaritic epics of early centuries BC to modern poetry. Held in high esteem in some cultures and times, the practice was vilified in others, such as the Chinese Cultural Revolution. Female professional mourners also, called Rudaali, were common in many parts of India, especially in Rajasthan. It is still practiced in China and other Asian countries. In fact, some cultures even think that the use of professional mourners brings a certain religious and historical application to funeral processions. In Essex, England, there is a service called Rent-A-Mourner. As one might expect, these mourners are more reserved, well-dressed and polite.
Example: Moirologist sell their tears for a living.

THE ODD WORD

Pluviophile

A lover of rain; someone who finds joy and peace of mind during rainy days.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The devil is beating his wife

Meaning: Raining whereas the sun is shining.

Origin: Several cultures now ascribed this phenomenon to folkloric tales featuring clever animals or tricksters being related or getting married to the devil. For instance, in the Southern United States and Hungary, when they experience a sun shower, they say "the devil is beating his wife with a walking stick", while the French would say "the devil is beating his wife and marrying his daughter." The illustration of the idiomatic phrase can be explained as that of the devil spitting the fire of hell (the sun rays) and his wife's tears (the rain). The first recorded use of this phrase was in 1703 in a French play, "to go and thrash him round the church-yard, as the devil does his wife in rainy weather when the sun shines." In 1738 a writer Jonathan Swift used:"The devil was beating his wife behind the door with a shoulder of mutton." Another version was recorded in 1893 in Inwards' Weather Lore: "If it rains while the sun is shining the devil is beating his grandmother."

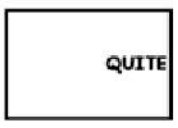
QUOTE BOX

I always like walking in the rain, so no one can see me crying.

— Charlie Chaplin

RIDDLE THIS

Can you guess this rebus?



Answer: Quite right.

SUDOKU

1	7			2			9	3
		2	6		9	1		
9								8
	2			6			7	
	4			7			3	
5								1
		6	8		7	4		
2	8			1			6	5

Answer to previous puzzle

5	3	4	7	5	5	2	1	9
5	1	7	9	2	8	6	4	3
2	6	9	3	1	4	7	5	8
9	4	3	1	7	2	8	6	5
1	2	5	6	8	3	4	9	7
6	7	8	5	4	9	1	2	2
4	8	1	2	9	5	3	7	6
3	9	2	4	6	7	5	8	1
7	5	6	8	3	1	9	2	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Income Tax Officer, in short?
4 Smell a ___ : suspect or surmise treachery?
7 Cropped hairstyle
10 Harass for payment of debt
11 Rich man from the Middle East
13 Greek goddess of the earth
14 An instrument for examining the ear
16 Frivolously; loiteringly
17 __ __ in : nine wickets down? (4,3)
19 __ __ in style : leaves the house and moves about in an elegant way? (5,3)
21 Assoc. in Pub. Admin.
24 It fits to _ ___ : it fits perfectly? (1,3)
25 Landed properties
27 Skins or furs
29 Humble or shame
30 West Indian song
33 A plant with bitter juice
34 Early hrs.
35 Cul-de-sacs
38 Church spire
39 Preposition
42 It counteracts the effect of a poison
46 Port on the Orne - "cane" broken?
47 ___ the loss of : regretted the loss of?
48 A wooden barrel
49 Ovum
50 "Before" or "earlier" as a prefix
51 Ancient Order of the Shepherds

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

E	D	P			U	L	T		O	A	R	S
M	A	R			V	I	I		P	R	O	A
S	W	E	E	T	E	S	T		P	E	T	S
		M	A	S	A	L	A	D	O	S	A	
C	A	I	R	O		E	N	O	S			
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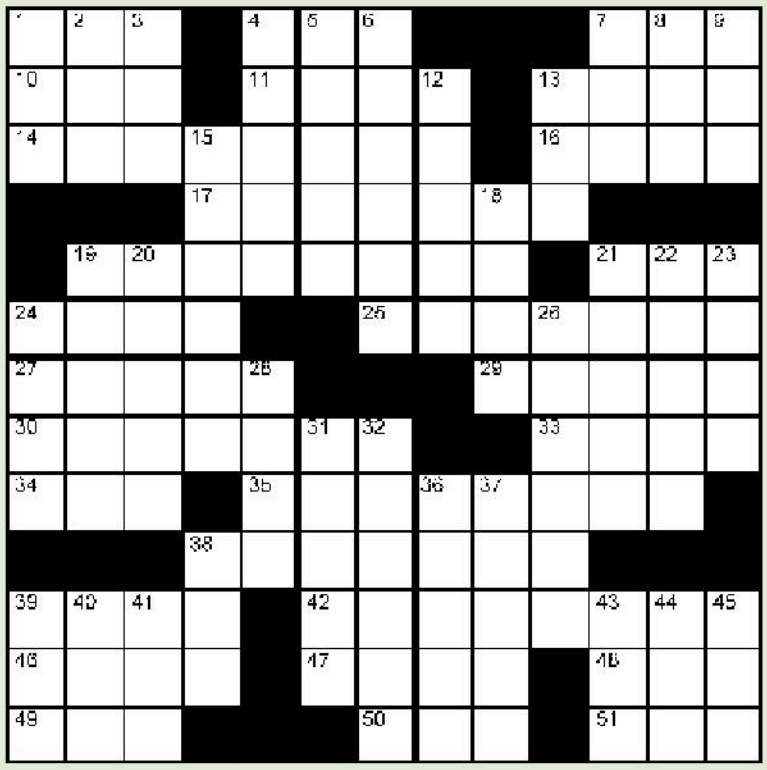
	C	O	N	C	E	R	T	I	N	A		
G	O	R	E		A	E	R	A	T	I	N	G
A	P	E	S		T	A	E			N	A	B
M	E	S	S		S	T	Y			E	N	S

DOWN

1 Variant of Esperanto
2 An expression of impatience
3 Yoko ___ : wife of John Lennon, the Beatle?
4 Sum up
5 Airline Maintenance and Operation Support Sys.
6 Walk very quietly
7 Not good
8 Apply lubricants to
9 Keep at ___ : hold off the pursuer?
12 Builder of Rome along with Romulus?
13 Another word for a trap or snare
15 Icyandrainyandhenceslippery
18 Indian wheaten flour
19 Water vapour
20 Informs or narrates
21 Dickens' title starter (1,4)
22 Mexican dollars
23 Wimbledon winner in 1975
24 Air pollution control assoc.
26 Lowered, humiliated or debased
28 Cooking rod
31 Greasy mark
32 Develop, unseal (4,2)
36 More fitting
37 Let things ___ : be negligent?
38 Sanjay Dutt to Sunil Dutt?
39 Something cold to eat
40 An old horse
41 Another name for a young sheep
43 Eggs
44 Path for Confucians
45 Extra-terrestrials, abbr.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WXQEAETB EO W ZTTG MSJHOM KTG BTA RWLEBV

OMBOM MBTHVR AT QM CWNU

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A cult is a religion with no political power.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Ayogya	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Bindaas Googly	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Life Jothe Ondu Selfie	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Sarkari Hiriya Prathamika Shale	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Good Bye	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Commando	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Pathibeku.com	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Aarohana	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Imaikka Nodigal	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Asura Vadham	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Kadaikutty Singam	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Geetha Govindam	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
HINDI			
Candy Girl	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
Laila Majnu	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Adrushyam	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
RENOVATION WORKS UNDERWAY			

Lido (2420885); Sri Maruthi (9980351129); Skyline (2481170)

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The Nun (E)	(S-1)	10.55 am, 3.55 pm, 5.55 pm, 7.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Stree (H)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
	(S-2)	10.45 am, 7.10 pm
Geetha Govindam (Te)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Ranam (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Teevandi (Ma)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Ayogya (K)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Pathibeku.com (K)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
Paltan (H)	(S-3)	6.55 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Manu (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Sarkari Hiriya Prathamika Shale (K)		
	(S-2)	4.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.05 am, 7.05 pm
Imaikka Nodigal (Ta)	(S-4)	1.00 pm
C/o Kancharapalem (Te)	(S-4)	4.10 pm

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The Nun (E)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 12.10 pm, 2.30 pm, 7.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Paltan (H)	(S-3)	9.50 am, 3.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Laila Majnu (H)	(S-4)	9.55 am, 7.00 pm
Sarkari Hiriya Prathamika Shale (K)		
	(S-4)	12.50 pm, 3.55 pm
Stree (H)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 4.00 pm, 6.45 pm
Pathibeku.com (K)	(S-2)	4.50 pm
Bindaas Googly (K)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Ranam (Ma)	(S-3)	7.00 pm
C/o Kancharapalem (Te)	(S-4)	9.55 pm

PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

Halkaa (H)	12.10 pm
Laila Majnu (H)	12.40 pm
Stree (H)	12.55 pm, 7.00 pm
Pathibeku.com (K)	1.00 pm
The Nun (E)	2.45 pm, 5.10 pm, 7.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Sarkari Hi. Pra. Shale (K)	3.35 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
Paltan (H)	3.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Ayogya (K)	3.45 pm
Geetha Govindam (Te)	6.55 pm
Ranam (Ma)	9.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

58th Tibetan Democracy Day celebrated at Bylakuppe

Bylakuppe, Sept.11 (B.R. Rajesh)- The 58th anniversary of Tibetan Democracy Day was celebrated at TDL Community Hall recently. B.V. Javaregowda, President of Indo-Tibetan Friendship Society, inaugurated the programme.

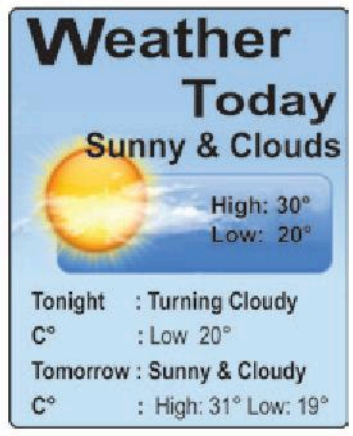
Speaking on the occasion, Javaregowda said that the People's Republic of China (PRC) must honour the Human Rights of six million Tibetan community living all over the world. In fact, there is no actual Democracy within China as the President of the PRC manages to get elected for life time which is against to the democratic values recognised by the United Nation.

On Sept.2, 1960 His Holiness Dalai Lama with a hope to get back to the Tibet formed a Democratic Government of Tibet in exile which has its Head Quarters at Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh, but, in view of the aggressive nature of the PRC and the President Xi Jinping, Tibetans have lost their hopes for the complete freedom which ultimately led to the Tibetan youth to anticipate the worst situation.

Gowda also appealed to Republic of China to grant Autonomous status to Tibet as the Tibetans are ready to accept to be ruled by Chinese National Government if their culture and religion is protected.

Pema Delek, the Member of Parliament of Tibetan Govt. in exile and Lhakpa Tsering, the Settlement Officer, read out the message issued by the Tibetan Parliament and the Tibetan Govt. in exile and Cabinet on the occasion.

Tsering Phuntsok, the ex-Minister for Culture and Religion, representatives of various Monasteries, Presidents and Secretaries of Tibetan Co-operative Societies, President of Tibetan Freedom Movement, A.J. Basavegowda, President of Rotary Club of Periyapatna and large number of teachers, students and general public were present. Geleck Jugney, Settlement Officer, proposed a vote of thanks.



EVENTS TODAY (SEPT.11)

Sahara Art And Crafts: Shopping Festival, Expo-cum-Sale of Handicrafts and Handlooms, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Sri Balachandra Mithra Mandali: 37th anniversary celebrations, staging of play 'Ratna Mangalya' by the Mandali artistes, Kalamandira, **4 pm.**

Sri Prasanna Krishnaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate: Vaibhava Srikrishnotsava Srimukha, Raasa Kreede (Kamadenu Alankara for cattle), **6 pm.**

Uttaradi Mutt: Discourse by Pt. Venugopalacharya, Uttaradi Mutt, Fort Mohalla, **6 pm to 7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT.12)

Uttaradi Mutt: Discourse on 'Bhagavatha Proshtapadi' by Pt. Anirudhachargya Pandurangi, **8 am to 10 am;** Discourse by Pt. Venugopalacharya, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Sri Raghuvarendratheertha Swamiji delivers talk, Uttaradi Mutt, Fort Mohalla, **7 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sahara Art And Crafts: Shopping Festival, Expo-cum-Sale of Handicrafts and Handlooms, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

Sri Prasanna Krishnaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate: Vaibhava Srikrishnotsava Srimukha, Rukmini Kalyanotsava, **6 pm.**

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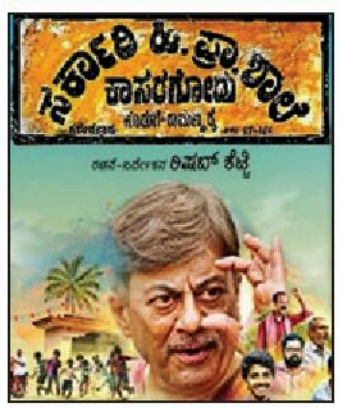

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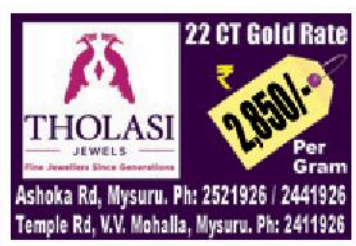

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